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TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces
provided at the top of this page.
Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.
Answer **all three** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 120.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **1(d)**,
2(c), **2(d)** and **3(d)**.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate
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TASK

Carry out an investigation of service provision in relation to *older people*. Your investigation should address the following:

- Explanations for the increased life expectancy of older people
- Funding health and social care provision for older service users
- An evaluation of informal care for older people
- A detailed understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of care by private providers for older service users
- The strengths and weaknesses of community care for older people
- The needs of older people and how these might be met in residential care
- Accessing services for older service users and overcoming barriers
- An understanding of the roles of practitioners involved in providing care and support for older service users
- A detailed understanding of the role of the social worker in supporting informal carers
- The role of the informal carer in providing care and support for older people
- How codes of practice guide health and social care workers

1　The elderly population in Northern Ireland is projected to increase by 74.4% between 2014 and 2039 when one in four of the population is expected to be aged 65 and over. As we know, increasing age brings with it the increased risk of illness and disability, consequently in 2015 there were almost 10,000 care packages in effect in Northern Ireland and of these 7228 were nursing home care packages provided largely by the private sector.

(NISRA – A profile of older people in Northern Ireland – Annual update 2015)

(a)　Discuss reasons for the increased life expectancy of older people in Northern Ireland.

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(b) Explain **two** ways private nursing homes are funded.

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(c) Using **one** example of each type of need, describe how staff in a private nursing home could meet the needs of older service users.

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A social need

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(d) Discuss **three** advantages and **three** disadvantages for older service
users of receiving health and social care services from private providers.

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2 Older people benefit significantly from the support they receive from informal carers and from voluntary and statutory providers. Informal carers, often with limited support, make a particularly valuable contribution to caring for older people in their own homes and communities.

(a) Discuss how an informal carer might support an older person.

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(b) Explain **four** ways a social worker might support informal carers who help to look after older people.

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(c) Discuss **three** disadvantages for older service users of community care.

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(d) Discuss **three** advantages and **three** disadvantages for older people of receiving informal care.

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3 Accessing available care and support can be a challenging experience for older service users and assistance from others may be required in order to access the services needed. A wide range of professionals is involved in both organising and providing care for older service users in a variety of settings and it is very important that all staff adhere to codes of practice or conduct in carrying out their duties to ensure that quality care is provided.

(a) Explain **three** ways older service users gain access to the services they require.

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(b) Explain **one** way the following barriers to accessing services might be overcome for older service users.

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(c) Explain **two** different ways each of the following practitioners might support older service users living in their own homes.

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The district nurse

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(d) Discuss **four** ways codes of practice or conduct should influence the
work of those who provide care for older service users.

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